GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3163
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006
OIL REGULATOR
Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recommended appointment of independent Oil Regulator ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the recommendation has been accepted by the Government ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) the progress made so far in this regard ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (f) :The Planning Commission has not recommended for appointment of independent Oil Regulator. However, Parliament has enacted the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act, 2006, which has been notified in the Gazette of India on 3rd April, 2006 as Act No. 19 of 2006.

Action for setting up the Board under the provisions of PNGRB Act, 2006 is under progress. The Search Committee, under the PNGRB Act, 2006 for selecting the Chairperson and other Members of the Board and for preparing a panel of persons to be considered for appointment as Technical Member (Petroleum & Natural Gas) of the Appellate Tribunal, had its first meeting on 10-10-2006 in which it was decided that advertisement for the posts of Chairman and Members of the PNGRB and Technical Member (P&NG) of the Appellate Tribunal may be issued in leading newspapers, including vernacular newspapers, throughout the country.The applications received in response to the advertisement are being considered by the Search Committee.